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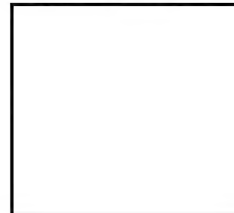
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STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 4 August 1959

Personnel Present - Colonel Burke
Mr. Parangosky

Mr. Kiefer



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1. J-75 STATUS - FERRY FLIGHTS - [redacted] reported that the 400 hour experience goal has been completed and the conclusion is that the J-75 is as reliable as the J-57 engine. It will be suitable for deployment 12 August as planned. Tests on the camera mount to eliminate vibration are continuing and Kelly Johnson has expressed himself as confident of success. The aircraft will be deployed without mount kits in order to place them in the field as soon as possible for pilot training. Deployment will take place between 12 and 17 August. The present schedule calls for two J-75 modified aircraft to arrive in Adana 14 August. At the same time, number 355 will be landing in the ZI.

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[redacted] As soon as operation is completed there, the C-124 will proceed to Adana. Personnel who will assist in the pilot training are proceeding to Adana on the C-124 and commercial air. The aircraft sent to Adana will not be considered operational until camera mounts are in the field nor will they be committed to actual missions until 500 hours have been logged.

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2. ACTING DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS - [redacted] was appointed, effective 3 August, Acting Director of Operations, vice [redacted] reassigned to the Pentagon. Col. Burke announced that [redacted] will have the same authority as [redacted] had and will be charged with monitoring all DPD Projects. He will continue in acting capacity until the position is assumed by Col. Stanley Beerli in late August or September.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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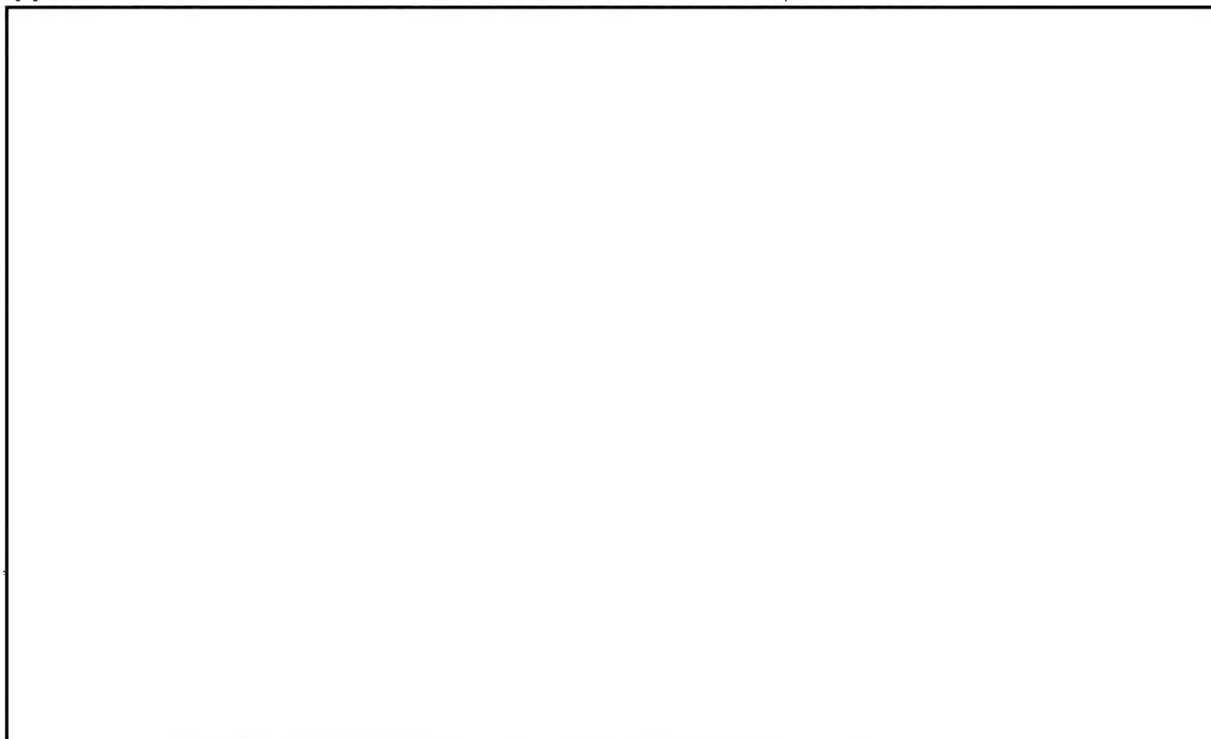
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9. CORONA-ARGON - Mr. Parangoosky reported that an apparent ignitor failure had delayed the scheduled CORONA launch. The latest mission date is now 10 August. Mr. Kiefer reported that the payload was removed and examined and apparently there were no defects experienced as a result of the equipment being held so long on the firing pad.

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ARGON - It was announced that present thinking is to include the autometrics people in the ARGON program. However, Lockheed is studying the situation. Mr. Kiefer advised that ARPA will send a survey team to various missile bases in the next few months and that he will be part of the team representing CIA but traveling as an ARPA consultant.

10. PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT STUDY - The man-hour study in progress in each Branch is expected to be completed and ready for discussion with Colonel Burke on 6 August. A final paper on it will then be prepared.



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13. BUDGET AND PROGRAM APPROVALS - Colonel Burke advised that determination has been made that a budget approval is not per se a program approval on a particular item. Mr. Bissell wants a separate program approval as distinguished from the over-all budget approval. In effect, the system will work as follows: final program approvals will be given when presented and justified and then when the new budget comes up for approval, all that will be necessary will be to refer back to the program approval. This would be done by a paper re-capping the Project purpose, explaining the current status, advising if there have been any additions or deletions and setting forth total cost. No other paper need be sent to Mr. Bissell under this system.

14. TEST STAFF BOARD - Modification of U-2's at the test site for the J-75 engine are continuing according to schedule. The team that will go to Adana as part of the ferry mission will consist of an engine man, an auto pilot technician, a chief engineer, and a chief test pilot. Prior to their return to the test site they will report to Headquarters for a critique on the J-75 program.

In connection with the J-75 program, Mr. Reber was asked to formulate requirements based on the capability of the vehicle.

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